

Please amend the present application as follows:

Claims

The following is a copy of Applicant's claims that identifies language being added with underlining ("___") and language being deleted with strikethrough ("—"), as is applicable:

1. (Currently amended) An image capture appliance configured for connection to a network and communication with a device connected to the network, the appliance comprising:

a processing device configured to control operation of the image capture appliance;

memory including logic configured to receive software via the network that facilitates communication between the image capture appliance and the device from a software source; and

a network interface device with which the image capture appliance communicates with the software source.

2. (Currently amended) The image capture appliance of claim 1, wherein the logic configured to receive software is adapted to transmit approval to the software source in response to a notification from the software source of the availability of the software.

3. (Currently amended) The image capture appliance of claim 1, wherein the logic configured to receive software is adapted to transmit approval only upon authorization received by a user of the appliance.

4. (Currently amended) The image capture appliance of claim 1, further comprising logic configured to actively retrieve software from the software source.

5. (Currently amended) The image capture appliance of claim 4, wherein the logic configured to actively retrieve software is adapted to periodically search for software for the appliance.

6. (Currently amended) The image capture appliance of claim 4, wherein the logic configured to actively retrieve software is adapted to search for software for the appliance in response to a communication from the software source.

7. (Currently amended) The image capture appliance of claim 1, wherein the logic configured to receive software is adapted to receive executables and data structures for accessing the device.

8. (Currently amended) The image capture appliance of claim 1, wherein the appliance is ~~an image capture appliance~~ a digital camera.

9. (Currently amended) An appliance configured for direct connection to a network and communication with a device connected to the network, the appliance comprising:

a processing device configured to control operation of the appliance;

an acquisition module ~~adapted~~ adapted to receive software that facilitates communication between the appliance and the device from a software source; and

a network interface ~~devices~~ device with which the appliance communicates with the software source

wherein the appliance is one of an image capture appliance, a personal digital assistant, and a mobile telephone.

10. (Currently amended) The appliance of claim 9, wherein the ~~means for receiving software are~~ acquisition module is adapted to transmit approval to the software source in response to a notification from the software source of the availability of the software.

11. (Original) The appliance of claim 9, further comprising means for actively retrieving software from the software source.

12. (Original) The appliance of claim 11, wherein the means for actively retrieving software are adapted to periodically search for software for the appliance.

13. (Original) The appliance of claim 11, wherein the means for actively retrieving software are adapted to search for software for the appliance in response to a communication from the software source.

14. (Currently amended) The appliance of claim ~~4~~ 9, wherein the appliance is ~~an image capture appliance~~ a digital camera.

15. (Currently amended) A network storage device, comprising:
a processing device configured to control operation of the device;
memory including logic configured to receive software that facilitates communication between a ~~network appliance~~ digital camera and a separate network device, and including logic configured to transmit software to the network appliance;
and
a network interface device with which the network storage device communicates with the network appliance.

16. (Currently amended) A method for enabling communications between an appliance and a separate device, wherein the appliance is one of an image capture appliance, a personal digital assistant, and a mobile telephone, the method comprising the steps of:
automatically receiving software with the appliance that facilitates communication between the appliance and the separate device; and
storing the software in memory of the appliance such that the appliance is adapted to communicate with the separate device.

17. (Currently amended) The method of claim 16, further comprising ~~the step of~~ receiving a notification from a source of software with the appliance regarding the availability of the software prior to receiving the software.

18. (Currently amended) The method of claim 16, further comprising ~~the step of~~ automatically searching for software over a network to which the appliance is connected.

19. (Currently amended) The method of claim 18, wherein ~~the step of~~ automatically searching is conducted on a periodic basis.

20. (Currently amended) The method of claim 18, wherein ~~the step of~~ automatically searching is conducted in response to a communication from the separate device.